



Dear Members of the Connecticut Human Services Committee:

Hello, my name is Yanira Lopez, I am the leader of the Fighting Committee at MRCT, I am a Mother and a resident of Bridgeport.

I am for H.B. 6616 AN ACT RELATING TO THE EXPANSION OF HUSKY HEALTH BENEFITS TO THOSE INELIGIBLE DUE TO THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS thereof.

Because as an immigrant mother from Honduras, the fact that my 2-year-old son and 10-year-old daughter have a primary doctor or the option of taking them to a doctor when they need it, it is very important that they have health care.

But as an undocumented mother, it has been an immense challenge not being able to access health care because my children and I do not qualify for health insurance or a discount scale or low income because I do not have all the necessary requirements.

Recently arrived in Bridgeport, my son was ill with the flu, cough and fever because he is pre-asthmatic and has thyroid problems. I went to the southwest community center and they did not see me because I was not a patient there. They told me the same thing in another community center. They gave me an appointment within 3 months to bring documents and see if I qualified, which I went to and they attended me because I did not qualify because I did not have all the requirements to apply for a discount scale or other insurance.

My 2-year-old son got worse than it was necessary to take him to the emergency room because he couldn't breathe and needed urgent help. They treated me in the emergency room had an asthma attack and tested positive for covid-19, throat infection. I have several bills from the Hospital during these 2 years since there is no other option to receive medical attention than to go to the emergency room.

As a mother I live daily in suspense and stress that one of my two children or I get sick and I cannot afford medical appointments, prescriptions or referrals to follow up on my baby's condition.

I am happy because the new Husky expansion will give medical access to my 2-year-old and 10-year-old children, this is very important to me because my children will be able to have access to a doctor and the necessary help when they need it.

But Sad because I do not qualify or my sibling of 14, 15, 20 years and family or friends that. It is not fair to decide that the other children will not get sick and have serious medical conditions that their life depends on their medication or treatment to see and follow up with a f doctor .Children are more vulnerable to contracting a viral disease and the consequences are serious the can even lose their lives.

I ask all of Our Legislative Representatives and Senators to think for a moment and take the place of all parents like me who have children who cannot have health insurance because of our immigration status. I Support HB 6616 and hope the Human Services Committee votes in favor so that everyone has the right to see and buy health insurance for the well-being of all families in our CT community.

Thanks for your time,  
Yanira Lopez Member of Make The Road CT



Estimados miembros del Comité de Servicios Humanos de Connecticut:

Hola mi nombre es Yanira Lopez soy lider del comite de Lucha en MRCT, Soy un Madre y residente de Bridgeport .

**Yo .Estoy a favor de H.B. 6616 UNA LEY RELATIVA A LA EXPANSIÓN DE LOS BENEFICIOS DE SALUD DE HUSKY A AQUELLOS NO ELEGIBLES DEBIDO A SU ESTATUS MIGRATORIO.**

Porque como madre inmigrante de Honduras el que mi hijo de 2 años y hija de 10 años tengan un doctor primario o la opcion de llevarlos a doctor cunado lo necesiten ,es muy importante que tengan cuidado de salud .

Pero com madre indocumnetada a sido un reto inmenso no poder acceder a cuidado salud porque mis Hijos y yo no calificamos para un seguro medico ni escala de descuento o bajo ingreso porque no tengo todos los requisitosnecesarios .

Recien llegada a Bridgeport mi hijo estaba mal con gripe ,tos y fiebre porque es pre-asmatico y tiene problemas de tiroide fui al centro comunitario de southwest y no me atendieron porque no era paciente de alli ,Lo mismo me dijeron en optimun otro centro comunitario que me dieron cita dentro 3 meses para llevar documentos y ver si calificaba lo cual fui y me atendieron porque no califique porque no tenia todos los requisitos para aplicar a escala descuento ni otro seguro .

Mi Hijo 2 años se me agravo mas que fue necesario llevarlo a emergencia porque no podia respirar y necesitaba ayuda urgente ,lo que me atendieron en emergencia tenia ataque de asma y salio positivo con covid-19 ,infeccion garganta . Tengo varias facturas del Hospital entos estos 2 años ya que no hay otra opcion para recibir atencion medica que ir a emergencia .

Como Madre vivo a diario en suspenso y estres de que uno de mis dos hijos o yo nos enfermemos y no pueda costear la citas medicas ,recetas medicas o referidos para dar seguimiento a la condicion de mi bebe .

Estoy Feliz porque la nueva expansion Husky dara acceso medico a mis niños de 2 años y 10 años,esto es muy importante para mi porque mis hijos podran tener acceso a medico y la ayuda necesaria cunado la necesiten .

Pero Triste porque yo no califlico ni mis hermanos de 14 ,15,20 años y familiares ni amigos que .No es Justo decidir que los demas ninos no se enfermaran y tienen condiciones medicas graves que su vida depende de sus medicamento o tratamiento de ver y dar seguimiento con doctor de cabecera y los ninos son mas vulnerables a contraer una enfermedad viral y las consecuencias son graves hasta pueden perder su vida .

Yo les pido a todos Nuestros Represenatntes y senadores de legislacion que piensen un momento y tomen el lugar de todos los padres como yo que tenemos hijos que no pueden tener un seguro medico por su estatus migratorio .

YO Apoyon el proyecto de ley HB 6616 y espero que el Comite de Servicios Humanos vote favorablemente para que todos tengan el derecho de ver y adquirir un seguro medico para el bienestar de todas las familias de nuestra comunidad de CT .

Gracias por tu tiempo,Yanira Lopez Miembro de Make The Road CT

